

Appleby Archaeology

Notes of the Committee Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group held on Thursday December 5th 2013 at White House Brampton.

Present

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| Phyl Rouston | Chair |
| Martin Railton | Research |
| Mike Godfrey | Treasurer |
| Heather Edwards | |
| Martin Joyce | |
| Stephen Walker | |

Apologies

Richard Stevens and Carol Dougherty

Notes of the last meeting

The notes were agreed as a correct record.

1/12/2013 Matters arising

1/3/13 Talks to Schools A letter from the chairman was sent to the head teachers at Appleby and Kirby Stephen Grammar Schools. Appleby responded immediately and a contact name Mrs Dee Cullen Head of Humanities given. Trish Shaw has been in contact with her and arranged several sessions for early in the New Year.

Trish sought our advice as to whether we were planning a group for young archaeologists. Discussion followed and it was felt that any opportunity should be taken advantage of although previous enquiries made by Richard had not been promising. Phyl agreed to speak to Richard on his return to UK and to advise Trish and it was hoped she might find out from the school if there were any interest groups in the School that might be a starting point. **Phyl**

7/3/13 Newsletter The first copy printed at W-A Archaeology would be distributed this week and both Martins were very pleased with the copy.

Marti J asked that if Martin R was not available to copy at WA Archaeology e.g. working away or on holiday, that he could go back to Milburn School. This was agreed.

6/10/13 Biscuits were provided and enjoyed. It was agreed to continue. **Phyl**

7/10/13 Public Hall Phyl had contacted the public hall manager who is being most helpful she had suggested a change of meeting date. This was briefly discussed and it was agreed that we continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month.

2/12/13 Membership

Two new members making a total of 74. Carol will now be able continue as Membership Secretary (see email correspondence November).

3/12/13 Treasurer's Report

Mike presented the current state of the accounts on December 4th Balance of £397 with £8.45 in hand. Mike said that there was no need, at present, to consider any change in subscriptions for 2015.

4/12/13 Research

Field walking will re-commence in the spring subject to fields being available.

Martin R reported that Adam Slater was writing the report on this summer's dig and this will then go to Paul Frodsham. The finds had included fragments of Neolithic pottery and a number of flints including blades from the Mesolithic. The first to be found at Brackenber and the earliest to date.

5/12/13 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received:-

- i. Appleby and Westmorland Society News letter. It is now being sent to Phyl and she will send a copy to each committee member who will indicate whether they want to receive it as routine (three times a year). **Phyl**
- ii. A survey from Towergate insurance had been completed.
- iii. CBA North Newsletter. The group now has affiliated membership. Martin J to be advised of relevant events so that they can be put in the Newsletter. **Richard/Phyl**
- iv. The programme details for 2013/14 have not appeared in either the CLHF bulletin or the CWAAS Newsletter. **Phyl/Richard**

6/12/13 Programme

Winter 2014 Members' Evening Ron Lyons Bloomery to Blast;
Harry Hawkins West Stow Saxon Village, Suffolk.

Summer 2014 Harry has also agreed to lead an afternoon walk to Shap Abbey in May or June, Saturday/Sunday June 21st/22nd are the preferred dates. To be confirmed. **Phyl**.

The following ideas were put forward:-

May and July Evening events

Tour of Appleby Castle. Enquiries to be made early in the new year. **Phyl** .

Walk on Askam Fell. **Martin R**

September Day outing to Hartlepool Maritime Museum and Headland, Further research needed. **Martin R**

Autumn Winter 2014 2015 Chris Healey from Minerva Heritage, fieldwork following the finding of the Crosby Garret Helmet This suggestion came from Trish Shaw who had been involved in the fieldwork. **Phyl**

Cumwhitton Burials. Martin J had noted there is to be a conference at Tullie House in early 2014 and agreed to contact them in the hope of finding a speaker to come to AAG. **Martin J**
Follow up talk Samantha Walsh on Bronze Age cremation burials. **Martin R**

Phyl asked committee members to consider these suggestions and any further ideas for the next meeting in February. Post meeting Martin J suggested a talk with a Maritime Theme

7/12/13 AOB

- i. 2014 AGM The agenda was agreed. It and the minutes of the 2013 AGM will be circulated with the December Newsletter.
- ii. Publicity Tony has continued to produce posters previously copied at no cost to the group. This month he sent copies of December and January poster to Phyl and to the TIC Appleby where his wife works. The TIC are now charging 20p a copy (Business Centre £1). Two copies were obtained to be placed on the TIC notice board and on the one outside the Market Hall. Committee members also copied posters to display in their locality. It was agreed to do the same for January and to review the situation when we have a new publicity office. A "wanted notice" will be in the December Newsletter.
- iii. OHP Martin J asked permission to dispose of the old OHP, given to the group sometime ago and which has never been used. This was agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date and Time of next meeting Thursday February 27th at Northgate Milburn

PHR 10/12/2013